

A pathy power to some

By ANDREW STEEVES

Apathy can make for some strange politics. Consider this week's SRC elections, do you realize how easy it would be to win the SRC presidency?

(First of all, it must be stated that the election results are unknown as I write this column so some of the figures I'll use are questionates. Secondly I wish to stress that what I will write is all conjecture, but definitely plausible.)

If the elections got the typical response somewhere near 30 percent of the students voted in the elections. This represents about 1400 hundred students. These votes were divided among three candidates. The winning candidate likely received about 50 percent of these votes with the second place candidate receiving 30 percent and the third place candidate receiving 20 percent of the votes. These percentages represent 700, 420, and 200 votes respectively.

Seven hundred votes is not too hard to obtain in a campus of 4700 students, representing only 15 percent of the student body. In such a situation the support of a block of students becomes very important. For example there are 800 Engineers. If the 30 percent of Engineers who vote en masse for a candidate, he has already received 240 out of the 700 votes he requires. All he has to do to win the election is split the rest of the campus with the other three

candidates.

Such block voting has likely been a factor, in many recent elections. Two specific examples would be the Intersarsity Christian Fellowship vote for Jim Smith and the Engineers vote for Jim Murray. The importance of block voting increases with both the number of candidates and the voter apathy. For instance, if there are four presidential candidates only 40 percent of the votes would be necessary to win or 560 votes. In this case the 240 Engineering votes would be decisive.

Apathy also increases the importance of block voting. If the overall campus voter turnout for a three candidate election is 20 percent or 1400 students, a 30 percent turnout of Engineers or 240 votes represents a chunk of 20 percent which, once again, could be decisive.

So what's my point? It's simply this — apathy puts power into the hands of a few. If a person can guarantee himself about 300 votes and does not make a complete fool of himself with the rest of the campus then he will be our next president. This is a dangerous situation. We have been lucky that our presidential candidates have been reasonably intelligent people, otherwise we'd be in a real mess.

Well, the ball hockey regular season has come to a close. It appears that Engineering 23 has

made the playoffs and we wish them good luck. They should do well as they are a hustling team that never gives up. The Forestry Engineers have an outside chance of making the playoffs but it's doubtful if they will as they play their last game against the powerful Education team. (see accompanying story). As for the Civil Stars, well it's all over. I would like to thank the fellows of the teams for their good turnout and hustle. There is a good nucleus of players for next year's team and Robert Mazerolle, John Langton and the rest will be a contender for sure.

As a final note I wish to draw your attention to the fact that nominations are now open for Student Activity awards. If you know someone who you feel deserves an award nominate him/her to the SRC committee. See the SRC office for details.

Letter to the Editor:

On behalf of the Engineers I would like thank the organizers of this year's Carnival. It was obvious that there was a sudden uprise in participation throughout the campus and we hope that it will continue. The organization was the best it has been in the past few years and AI and his committee deserve a good pat on the back. I'm sure there are many other engineers that feel the same way.

A Job Well done,
Ken Vaughan
EUS President

Inside Track by Allan Patrick

PROF UNION LOCAL 15

Though the title of this segment may sound somewhat strange, in the near future we may have professors in certain faculties unionized on this campus. Yes, it now seems inevitable. Viewpoint this week gives you the opinions of a few people representing all sides; professors, administration, students, and the Chairman of the AUNBT Collective Bargaining Committee, Gary Chaison. A small sampling, but it says something.

It seems that this unionization screams of things unrelated to those stereotyped reasons that we always hear when someone wants a union. They say they want a fair shake but in the end they just want. Fair and simple. I'm not afraid to say that unions are killing us in most aspects of life these days in Canada; but back to the issue.

Professor Chapman of the History Dept., made a good point about faculty members being part of the university community; he said that having a union will reduce the relationship between the faculty and the university community to that of an employer and a trade union - a gory thought by my standards. It does no good to lay blame for past policies of the University that are no longer effective, but the faculty should be painfully aware of the tight economic conditions here at UNB. These are faculty members of departments that have failed to restrain their budgets and their spending while the university has been going deeper and deeper into the whole. It's not right that faculty have been slipping behind the rest of the country in raises over the last few years, but I don't like the idea of them banding together in a UNION, and don't like the sound of "Collective Bargaining". Sounds more like Higher Tuition.

A CHEAPER C

If you are among the growing number of persons who believe that extra vitamin C helps you along better and keeps you from getting bad colds, you are probably paying too much for it, and taking doses that are too small for you. Recent evidence points to a dose of a gram (1000 mg.) per day, and some doctors say to take as much as three grams a day. Most users take 100 mg. or so a day in the form of the chewable tablets, but these are too expensive and don't do you much good. A little shopping around shows you that the beloved C is alot cheaper in some stores. The best form and price I've found has been at the K-Mart Drug Dept., and is made by Wampole - the price is \$3.90 for 100, 1 gram tablets. The same bottle is \$4.49 at a Rexall. One or two of these a day or up to five a day when you catch a cold, and you are giving your body a big, safe hit of C. You can also buy a whole KILOGRAM of the stuff in powder for \$29.95. A whole kilogram!

There is also a new concept in Vitamin C capsule. You see, one of the problems with vitamin C is that it is flushed out of the body very quickly by the kidneys most of it in a couple of hours. The Weber C is timed to release slowly for 8 hours or more, maintaining tissue levels of C for longer times. This continued level of C in the tissues is seen by some as much better, although much of C's claims are still debated. The Weber C will cost you \$6.00 (ugh!) for a bottle of 100.

ENGINEERS ON THE WAGON

I don't usually do this, but I'd like to compliment the Engineers on their Winter Carnival Float. I couldn't get out to the parade this year, but I laughed out loud when I saw the Engineers Float on the front cover of the Gleaner. Great idea, and I especially like the "what a bloomin' pity; only in Fredericton" on the side. Hats off for using your brains to show City Council that students here still have what it takes.

PROFOUND REVELATIONS

With the Economic Summit of the Federal Government in the news this week, I was at least glad to hear that they are a little more serious about it all now, but I also remember the platform of a party that ran in the Model Parliament in my High School back in 1972 - a main feature was large expenditures on development of energy resources, creating jobs, reducing costs and reducing the trade deficit. Sounds familiar. It consistently seems that federal politics thrives on leaving things to the last moment before they do anything about them. You might have noticed.

P.C. party supports gov't

By JON LEES

The Young Progressive Club of UNB presently contains thirty-five members. The president of the club is Keith Williamson. The club has an executive which includes besides the president, a vice-president, treasurer, and secretary. Mr. Williamson says that the

Y.P.C. is an organizational club which provides some means for students who want to get involved in the Progressive Conservative Party. The Y.P.C. is a member of the National P.C. organization, the Provincial P.C. organization, and the local riding P.C. organization. In the past the Young Progressive Conservatives have

held social functions such as organized a \$100 a plate fund raising dinner for Richard Hatfield on his birthday. Last year they held a policy conference on campus at which many ministers showed up to talk, as well as the Premier.

Mr. Williamson says the Y.P.C.'s are trying to get more ministers on campus and especially from outside the province. The YPC's have also helped organize pubs. Recently they went half and half on a pub with the business society.

Mr. Williamson says the YPC's are not going to fight to keep tuition down. He says that he thinks along the same lines as the Premier. Mr. Williams claims that although the MPHEC recommended 14 percent and only got 6 1/2 percent he says that the council members weren't displeased with the 6 1/2 percent. Mr. Williams says that they felt due to the economic situation in New Brunswick the 6 1/2 percent was acceptable. He also added that the Ontario Universities only got 5 1/2 percent on their increase.

Mr. Williams doesn't think that the situation is as bad as people are letting on. He says that a student's income has to keep up with the rest of the economy. He also doesn't want us to think that just because we are students we're immune from economic misfortunes.

Liberal Club.

The third committee is financial. This is mainly geared to find ways of making money for the club.

The Campus Liberal Club is concerned with issues that concern the students of UNB, such as increased tuition, residents rates and cutbacks in student services. They want answers to questions like why there are millions of dollars difference between what the Federal Government puts into education and what the N.B. government spends on education and why the rest goes into a slush fund for plowing roads.

Mr. Zed offers a challenge to the Young Progressive-Conservatives on campus. He says they must choose between their allegiances to the youth of N.B. and to the Conservative Government. Mr. Zed claims that if the YPC's support the government then they support higher tuition, higher residence rates, and an increase in service cut backs.

There was a meeting for the Student Liberal Organisatin on Wednesday night but the results were not known at press time.

Y.L.P. starts club

By JON LEES

The campus Liberal Club was officially started in early January of this year. It is a combination of the old STU, UNB and Law Faculty Liberal organizations. A social was held in which over 300 people showed. At this social between 70 and 100 students showed interest and signed-up for the club.

Paul Zed is the organizer of the club. He says that three committees have been set up within the organisation. The first is a caucus committee. These committee members will meet Liberal MLA's and help these MLA's out by doing some research for them. According to Mr. Zed, they will get down to the "grass roots within the political system." Mr. Zed maintains that there is not enough research material for the opposition MLA's to work with and these students can ease this demand.

The second committee is the social committee. This focuses in on the membership and entertainment aspects of the club as well as keeping the students and residents of Fredericton in tune to the goings-on within the Campus

THE FREDERICTON CHAMBER ORCHESTRA will perform Franz Joseph Haydn's 'mass in time of war' in April, 1978. A full chorus is needed for this work and the first rehearsal will be on Monday January 23, 1978 at #;30 p.m. in room 143 of Marshall D'Avray on the UNB campus. All interested singers are invited to join - no audition is necessary. The conductor is Mr. Neil Houlton and rehearsals will be regularly held on Monday evenings. For more information - contact Colin Mailer at 102 Southampton Drive, Fredericton (454-6097) or (453-4723).